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At the second and third meetings, papers were read by Dr. Vasey, Dr. Riley, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Fernow, Mr. Crozier, Prof. Foster, Prof. Van Deman and Mr. Hopkins on various botanical topics.

### Proceedings of the Club.

Owing to the severity of the storm, for the first time in its history the Club failed to hold its regular meeting. On Tuesday, March 20th, a special meeting was held, at which the president presided and thirty persons attended.

A letter from Joseph Jackson was read, giving an account of the botanical work of the Worcester Natural History Society, stating that Mr. J. Chauncey Lyford was delivering a course of lectures illustrated with lantern slides, duplicates of which he would be pleased to loan or exchange; also a letter from Miss Jane H. Newell, accompanied by pamphlets entitled "Outlines of Lessons in Botany," which she will be glad to send to any teacher who will use them and give her the benefit of the results attained, with criticisms and suggestions. Price, 15c. each.

Miss Steele reported on behalf of the Herbarium Committee the completion of the work on the herbarium of the late Wm. H. Leggett, and stated that all material received up to date had been mounted and put in order.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Gray, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of sympathy and condolence from the Club.

Dr. Newberry remarked on the geological history of *Liriodendron*, and exhibited drawings of a new species from the Laramie of Colorado.

The following papers were read as announced:

"A Preliminary Notice of the Pteridophyta Collected by Dr. H. H. Rusby in South America during the years 1885 and 1886." By Mrs. N. L. Britton.

"On a New Variety of *Erythronium*." By E. E. Sterns.

The Rev. Thomas Morong complimented Dr. Rusby on the excellence of his specimens and the number of species of ferns represented in the collection, and gave an outline of his proposed trip to the Argentine Republic and Chili and the headwaters of the Parana and Uruguay rivers.